

CHAPTER 4 SALESPERSON LICENSE

[Prior to 9/4/02, see 193E—2.10(543B), 193E—2.11(543B), 193E—3.2(543B), and 193E—3.3(543B)]

193E—4.1(543B) General requirements for salesperson license. A person who is licensed under and employed by or otherwise associated with a real estate broker or firm is a “salesperson” as defined in Iowa Code section 543B.5(19) and rule 193E—2.1(543B).

4.1(1) An original application for a salesperson license cannot be issued to inactive status. An applicant for a salesperson license must be recommended by an affiliating broker to be granted a license as provided in Iowa Code section 543B.16.

4.1(2) The salesperson license is issued to the custody and control of the broker as provided in Iowa Code section 543B.24. If the salesperson is terminated, or terminates the employment or association, the license must be returned to the commission. Once the license is returned or mailed to the commission, it is unlawful for that salesperson to perform any acts requiring a real estate license as provided in Iowa Code section 543B.33. However, if the license is transferred, as provided in rule 193E—6.2(543B), the salesperson may work immediately for the new broker.

4.1(3) A salesperson must be assigned to a licensed broker or firm and cannot conduct business independently.

4.1(4) Except as provided in Iowa Code section 543B.21, an applicant for a salesperson license must meet all requirements of Iowa Code section 543B.15.

4.1(5) An applicant for a real estate salesperson license must be a person whose application for licensure has not been rejected in this or any other state or jurisdiction within 12 months prior to the date of application, and whose real estate license has not been revoked in this or any other state within two years prior to the date of application.

4.1(6) An applicant for a real estate salesperson license shall be 18 years of age or older. An applicant is not ineligible because of citizenship, sex, race, religion, marital status, or national origin, although the application form may require citizenship information.

4.1(7) An applicant for a real estate salesperson license who has been convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or another similar offense, or of any crime involving moral turpitude, in a court of competent jurisdiction in this state or in any other state, jurisdiction, territory, or district of the United States, or in any foreign jurisdiction, may be denied a license by the commission on the grounds of the conviction. “Conviction” is defined in Iowa Code section 543B.15(3) and 193E—2.1(543B).

4.1(8) An applicant for a real estate salesperson license who has had a professional license of any kind revoked in this or any other jurisdiction may be denied a license by the commission on the grounds of the revocation.

4.1(9) Salesperson prelicense education requirements. As required by Iowa Code section 543B.15(8) and 193E—Chapter 16, the required course of study for the salesperson licensing examination shall consist of 60 classroom or computer-based hours of real estate principles and practices. To be eligible to take the examination, the salesperson prelicense education must be completed during the 12 months prior to taking the examination.

193E—4.2(543B) License examination. Examinations for licensure as a real estate salesperson shall be conducted by the commission or its authorized representative.

4.2(1) Testing service. The commission shall negotiate an agreement with a testing service relating to examination development, test scheduling, examination sites, grade reporting and analysis. The commission shall approve the form, contract, and method of administration. The examination shall be conducted in accordance with approved procedures formulated by the testing service. Applicants shall register and pay examination fees directly to the testing service.

4.2(2) *Requests for substitution, waiver or variance.* An examinee must meet the requirements set out in Iowa Code section 543B.15. Requests for substitution, waiver, or variance of the qualifications for license required by Iowa Code section 543B.15 shall be submitted in writing and as provided by the commission’s rules regarding waivers and variances, found in the uniform rules for the professional licensing and regulation division at 193—Chapter 5. The commission will consider each case on an individual basis. It may require additional supporting information. If the applicant’s prelicense education is found to be less than equivalent to the statutory requirement, the commission may suggest methods of satisfying the deficiency. If a substitution, waiver or variance is granted, the applicable examination must be passed before the end of the sixth month following the date of the waiver.

4.2(3) *Evidence of completion of prelicense education required.* An examinee shall be required to show evidence at the examination site that required prelicense education has been completed. If the commission has granted a substitution, waiver, or variance of prelicense education, the letter granting the substitution, waiver, or variance will serve as evidence of completion. Persons planning to qualify under rule 193E—5.3(543B) must obtain written authorization from the commission to show at the examination site.

4.2(4) *Failure to pass examination.* An examinee who takes an examination and fails shall be eligible to apply to retake the examination at any time the examination is offered by filing a new registration form and paying the examination fee, unless the qualifying time period for the prelicense education or waiver granted has expired.

193E—4.3(543B) Application for license. An applicant who passes a qualifying salesperson examination will receive a passing score report and an application form for licensure from the testing service. An applicant who passes a qualifying examination and applies for a license must file with the commission a completed application with license fee, proof of required education, and score report not later than the last working day of the sixth calendar month following the qualifying real estate examination.

4.3(1) *Application contents.* The application form requires detailed personal, financial, and business information concerning the applicant, and the applicant for licensure shall attest to its accuracy.

4.3(2) *License terms.* A salesperson license is issued for a three-year term, counting the remaining portion of the year issued as a full year. Licenses expire on December 31 of the third year of the license term.

193E—4.4(543B) Salesperson continuing education requirements.

4.4(1) As a requirement of license renewal in active status, each salesperson shall complete a minimum of 36 hours of approved programs, courses or activities. The continuing education must be completed during the three calendar years of the license term and cannot be carried over to another license term.

4.4(2) All first-time salespersons renewing licenses to maintain active status shall complete 36 commission-approved classroom hours by December 31 of the third year of licensure. The following courses satisfy the first license renewal continuing education requirement:

Developing Professionalism and Ethical Practices	12 hours
Buying Practices	12 hours
Listing Practices	12 hours

4.4(3) A salesperson license may be renewed without the required continuing education, but it may only be renewed to inactive status. Prior to reactivating a license which has been issued inactive due to failure to submit evidence of continuing education, the licensee must submit evidence that all deficient continuing education hours have been completed. The maximum continuing education hours shall not exceed the prescribed number of hours of one license renewal period and must be completed during the three calendar years preceding activation of the license.

193E—4.5(543B) Renewing a license. To remain authorized to act as a real estate salesperson, a salesperson must renew a real estate license before the expiration date of the license. Salespersons who fail to renew a real estate license before expiration are not authorized to practice as real estate salespersons in Iowa.

4.5(1) Application forms. Application forms for renewal of a salesperson license may be obtained from the commission office or may be available on the commission's Web site. Salespersons may renew electronically or by submitting a written application. While the commission generally mails renewal application forms or reminders to salespersons in the November preceding license expiration, the failure of the commission to mail an application form or the failure of a salesperson to receive an application form shall not excuse the salesperson from the requirement to timely renew.

4.5(2) Qualifications for renewal. The commission shall grant an application to renew a salesperson license if:

a. The application is timely received by the commission by December 31, or within the 30-day grace period after expiration as provided by Iowa Code section 543B.28.

b. The application is accompanied by the regular renewal fee and, if received by the commission, or postmarked, after midnight December 31, but prior to midnight January 30, is accompanied by a penalty of \$25.

c. The application is fully completed with all necessary information, including proper disclosure of required continuing education and errors and omissions insurance.

d. The application fails to reveal grounds to deny a license, such as a criminal conviction or the revocation of a license in another jurisdiction.

4.5(3) Incomplete or untimely applications to renew. Renewal applications received by the commission, or postmarked, after midnight January 30 shall be treated as applications to reinstate an expired license under rule 193E—4.6(272C,543B).

a. Applications to renew or reinstate a salesperson license which are incomplete or which are not accompanied by the proper fee may be returned to the salesperson for additional information or fee.

b. Alternatively, the commission may retain the application and notify the applicant that the application cannot be granted without further information or fee.

4.5(4) Insufficient continuing education. Renewal applications which do not report completion of required continuing education, but which are otherwise timely and sufficient and accompanied with proper fee, shall be renewed in inactive status. In the event of a factual dispute regarding the salesperson's intent to renew in inactive status or a salesperson's compliance with continuing education requirements, the commission may deny the application and provide the applicant with an opportunity for hearing according to the procedures set forth in rules 193—7.39(546,272C) and 193E—18.13(543B).

4.5(5) Denial of application to renew. An application to renew may be denied on the grounds provided in Iowa Code chapter 543B and in rule 193—7.39(546,272C). The administrative processing of an application to renew shall not prevent the later initiation of a contested case to challenge a licensee's qualifications for licensure.

4.5(6) Renewal of inactive or suspended license. An inactive or suspended license must be timely renewed or it shall expire. The status of a license does not affect the requirement to renew.

193E—4.6(272C,543B) Reinstatement of an expired salesperson license. A real estate salesperson who fails to renew or fails to file a complete renewal application form by midnight January 30 of the first year following expiration may reinstate the license within three years of expiration by submitting a complete and sufficient application accompanied by the regular renewal fee and an additional reinstatement fee of \$25 for each partial or full month following expiration. From the date of expiration to the date of reinstatement, the salesperson is not authorized to practice as a real estate salesperson in Iowa.

4.6(1) Continuing education. An application to reinstate an expired salesperson license must report that the salesperson either fully satisfied all required continuing education or has retaken and passed the salesperson examination. A salesperson holding an expired license who wishes to retake the salesperson examination must obtain written authorization from the commission to show at the examination site.

4.6(2) Deposit of reinstatement fees. Reinstatement fees collected under this rule shall be transmitted to the treasurer's office and credited to the education fund established in Iowa Code section 543B.54.

4.6(3) Starting over. A salesperson who fails to reinstate an expired license by December 31 of the third year following expiration shall be treated as if the former salesperson had never been licensed in Iowa. Such a former salesperson must start over in the licensing process and qualify and apply for a salesperson license.

4.6(4) Reinstatement of a nonresident reciprocal salesperson license. An expired salesperson license issued by reciprocity shall be reinstated as provided by this rule, except, in addition to the regular license fee, a \$25 reinstatement fee shall accompany a qualifying sufficient reciprocal application.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C and 543B.

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